

Rockcliffe Manor News

Friday 4th March 2022



We have had a very exciting week at Rockcliffe celebrating World Book Day and taking part in lots of book related activities. The children loved having an author visit and left feeling inspired. Thank you to everyone who attended our Dads' Breakfast event on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many adults enjoying books with their children and we know how important it is for them to have role models to share a love of reading with. The children also enjoyed dressing up on Thursday as their favourite book characters and the

playground was full of adventure as they role played stories with their friends. We also can't forget pancake day on Tuesday! The children thought the pancakes at lunch were very yummy and spoke about their favourite toppings; chocolate being the most popular of course!



This week, the children in Reception have been sharing their knowledge about why bees are an endangered animal during our literacy sessions. The children shared that climate change has had a negative impact on bees in our environment. The children then used this knowledge to design and create fact files to share their understanding about these endangered animals. Reception have also really enjoyed our book week celebrations and engaging in the activities around this. They particularly enjoyed the teacher swap sessions and having new teachers come in to read with them each day. The children have said that it has been a lovely experience getting to know the staff in our school community.



Ronnie said 'I think bees are endangered because climate change is destroying their natural habitat'

Rose said 'I think a solution would be to plant more flowers for the bees so they have lots of nectar to eat'

Layla said 'I enjoyed having Mr. Smith read to me. he really made me laugh'

Aswhin said 'Mr. Smith helped me learn that bees help to pollinate flowers so more can grow'

Year 2 have had a wonderful week engaging in a wide range of activities. In English, the children have really been thinking about their word choices when describing and analyzing the key characters in their core text Starbird.

Denis wrote, 'The Moonking is horrible because he captured Starbird and put him in a cage but Starbird is astonishing because when he sings, the princess has magical dreams.'

In maths, the children have been learning about fractions and they have shown great effort in identifying fractions of shapes as well as amounts. Hannah showed great reasoning skills when completing error spotting activities. She explained, 'This shape doesn't show a third because there are 4 equal parts and



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Additionally, Year 2 have had a fantastic day on World Book Day as they came dressed in their favourite costumes. The best part of the day was when children took part in the whole school parade. David was filled with excitement and joy. He said, "Mrs Aliq, this was the best day ever!"

It's truly been a tremendous week which has inspired the children to love stories and books to a greater extent.

This week has been very exciting for Year 5. They have continued to immerse themselves and explore facts around the Windrush generation; making links between their history, PE and English learning. In English, they have been looking at 'Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah. Ruby has found the text very exciting with some sad elements, which they have been capturing through a monologue. The children have applied their knowledge of the main character's thoughts and feelings of leaving Jamaica, here are some examples of the brilliant work below:

Teodor: *'I heard it, my face grew bright red light a volcano with lave erupting. Why did we have to go there? We were going to England to see my dad.'*

Olivia: *'My life in Jamaica was perfect, the trees full of ripe, delicious fruit that I could gobble up in an instant. That was until those dreams were popped like a bubble. Was England really the place for me? Maroon Town was my family, my life, my friends. I feel like a soldier leaving everything behind for a battle, but that was only the beginning...'*

Also, in PE, the children have been focusing on dance and were introduced to Soca music for the first time. Lex said that he *'really enjoyed it because it was really up beat'*. They will continue to explore different music that is inspired by Caribbean culture and Windrush to create a final outcome, including their own choreography.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Mrs Vdovin and the whole Rockliffe Manor team



Our school dinner provider, Chartwells, are delighted to introduce their annual school meals survey, called **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**, putting an emphasis on to what they do best – serving great tasting, nutritious food to schools.

The insights gathered from this survey will help to develop the Autumn/Winter menus and help to further improve the service going forward making lunchtimes a better experience for your children.

The survey will be live on **15th March** and we urge each of you to complete with your thoughts.

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Attendance This Week

Reception	91.0%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	91.8%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	94.0%
Year 6	98.6%
Whole School	95.3%



Happy Birthday to:

*until 11th March 2022

Jaslyn Year 5

Nikel Year 5

Logan Year 6

Merits



Reception	Kamila
Year 1	Joseph
Year 2	Albie
Year 3	Cairon
Year 4	Arlo
Year 5	Ruby
Year 6	Malik

Please note, Rockliffe Manor Primary School will additionally be closed this year on **Thursday 5th May 2022** for the Local Elections

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 10th March—Year 5 Library Trip
- Thursday 10th March 2022—Year 5 & Year 6 Parent meeting for Residential Trip
- **Friday 11th March 2022—School closed to children for Inset Day**
- Thursday 17th March—Year 3 Library Trip
- Friday 18th March— Children In Need
- Wednesday 30th March 2pm — Spring Concert
- Thursday 31st March 2.30 — Spring Concert
- **Thursday 5th May 2022—School Closed to children for Polling Day**



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Community Relationships Fundraising Manager for Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice. Your school has been amazingly supportive of the Hospice by helping to promote our **Hospice Mini Marathon** fundraising event in the past. Your support has helped our Mini Marathon to raise over £450,000 since 2013 and helped us to give special care to people who are facing a life-limiting illness in our community - thank you.

They would be grateful if we could please support them again this year by sharing this information about their 2022 **Hospice Mini Marathon** which takes place on Sunday 8 May. Inspired by the world-famous London Marathon, this is a fun running event for children aged between 5 and 16 years old. Children can walk, run or jog 2.62 miles around Royal Greenwich Park.

Why support the Hospice Mini Marathon?

The Hospice Mini Marathon is a great way to:

- Get children active
- Inspire children to think about how they can help others in their community
- Give children an opportunity to show off their achievements – every child gets a medal (a great thing to celebrate in achievement assemblies!)
- Be part of the one of the largest running events that is just for children



Looking for some fun ways to extend the school day?

We have lots of spaces available in our afterschool clubs starting in the Spring 2 term week commencing 21st February.

Head over to your [ParentPay](#) account to sign up for clubs such as Irish Dancing, Arts and Crafts, Gymnastics and Yoga and breathe to name a few.

If you are already signed up for this term, you do not need to reapply, this is for new children wishing to sign up.

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RBG 500 Words Competition

In celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, we are inviting all students from Greenwich borough schools to enter our 500 word short story competition.

2022 is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day, so the theme for our story competition is: *celebration*.

You can write any short story you like inspired by the theme of celebration. It needs to be 500 words or under. Please type your entries, if possible.

There will be a winner and runner up for each key stage:

Key Stage 1
Key Stage 2

**Deadline:
Friday 29th April 2022**

Make sure you include
your full name, school
and year group when
entering!

**Email your entries to Lizzie Church on
Elizabeth.church@royalgreenwich.gov.uk**


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GREENWICH